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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTESTS TO EC ON LOCATION OF

VOCATIONAL CENTER IN BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 10759; (B) USBERLIN 1160; (C) BONN 4172
(ALL NOTAL)

1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL A, THE SOVIETS ON JUNE 17
DELIVERED A NOTE IN DUBLIN, PROTESTING TO THE IRISH IN
THEIR CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE EC VOCATIONAL CENTER IN WEST BERLIN. ALLOWING
FOR DIFFERENCES IN TRANSLATION, IT APPEARS THAT THE NOTE
WAS IDENTICAL TO THE PROTEST DELIVERED BY THE SOVIETS IN
BERLIN ON JUNE 11 (REFTEL B). IT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BE-
COME KNOWN THAT THE SAME NOTE WAS DELIVERED ALSO IN
BRUSSELS AND IN LUXEMBOURG.

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2. ALTHOUGH AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL A THE IRISH HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS WERE NOT EXPECTING ANY REPLY TO THEIR NOTE, THE BONN GROUP HAS AGREED IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO RECOMMEND THAT A REPLY BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE EC. IT HAS ENDORSED A PROPOSAL BY THE FRENCH REP THAT THE THREE BONN GROUP MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO EC MEMBERS RECOMMEND TO THE OTHER SIX THAT THE ITALIANS MAKE THE REPLY ON BEHALF OF THE EC.

3. AT THE JULY 31 BONN GROUP MEETING, AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A DRAFT REPLY WHICH WOULD MERELY REAFFIRM THE TERMS OF THE REPLY PREVIOUSLY MADE BY THE IRISH TO THE EARLIER SOVIET PROTEST. AS NONE OF THE BONN GROUP REPS HAD INFORMATION ON WHAT USE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN MADE OF THE EARLIER RESPONSES WHICH THE ALLIES AND THE FRG HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE VARIOUS EC MEMBERS (REF C AND PREVIOUS), THE UK REP UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION VIA THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN DUBLIN.

4. AS OF THE AUGUST 8 TRIPARTITE MEETING, THE UK REP STILL DID NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, BUT HE DISTRIBUTED A CLEAN DRAFT OF THE TEXT WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED QUADRIPARTITELY ON JULY 31, LEAVING A BLANK FOR THE DATE OF THE PRESUMED EARLIER IRISH REPLY. THE TEXT OF THE AD REF REPLY FOLLOWS:

5. BEGIN TEXT: I REFER TO THE COMMUNICATION, RELATING TO THE LOCATION IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN OF THE EUROPEAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, WHICH WAS MADE ON 17 JUNE 1975 BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN DUBLIN TO THE MFA OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC, WHICH WAS THEN OCCUPYING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY, WHICH IS AT PRESENT OCCUPYING THE PRESIDENCY, I AM TO REAFFIRM THE TERMS OF THE COMMUNICATION MADE ON . . . 1975 BY THE IRISH MFA, WHICH EXPRESSES THE POSITION OF THE MEMBER STATES ON THIS MATTER. END TEXT.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE AD REF REPLY AND OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDING IT TO THE EC.
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